

prior assignment on circuitous routing, that a total of one-half hour or more is required for the auditor to travel to such place and back to the headquarters, or to the next place of assignment on a circuitous routing, the charge for such service shall include mileage charge administratively determined by the Department, and travel tolls, if applicable, or such travel prorated against all the applicants furnished the service involved on an equitable basis, or where the travel is made by public transportation (including hired vehicles), a fee equal to the actual cost thereof. However, the applicant will not be charged a new mileage rate without notification before the service is rendered.

(c) *Per diem charges.* When service is requested at a place away from the auditor's headquarters, the fee for such service shall include a per diem charge if the employee performing the service is paid per diem in accordance with existing travel regulations. Per diem charges to applicants will cover the same period of time for which the auditor receives per diem reimbursement. The per diem rate will be administratively determined by the Department. However, the applicant will not be charged a new per diem rate without notification before the service is rendered.

(d) *Other costs.* When costs, other than costs specified in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c) of this section are associated with providing the services, the applicant will be charged for these costs. The amount of the costs charged will be determined administratively by the Department. However, the applicant will not be charged for such cost without notification before the service is rendered of the charge for such item of expense.

#### **§ 37.15 Payment of fees.**

Fees and other charges for service shall be paid by the applicant to the Livestock and Seed Program, AMS, P.O. Box 96456, Room 2628-South, Washington, DC 20090-6456, with a check made payable to the Agricultural Marketing Service.

#### **§ 37.16 OMB assigned numbers.**

The information collection and recordkeeping requirements contained in this part have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35 and have been assigned OMB Control Number 0581-0183.

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### Subpart A—Definitions

#### § 42.101 Meaning of words.

Words used in this part in the singular form shall be considered to import the plural, or vice versa, as the case may demand.

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#### § 42.102 Definitions, general.

For the purpose of this part, unless the context otherwise requires, the following terms shall be construed, respectively, to mean:

*Acceptable Quality Level (AQL).* The maximum number of defects per hundred units (DHU) which is acceptable as a process average. Lots, or portions of production, having a quality level equal to a specified AQL will be accepted approximately 95 percent of the time when using the sampling plans prescribed for the AQL.

*Acceptance Number (Ac).* The number in a sampling plan that indicates the maximum number of defects permitted in a sample in order to consider a lot as meeting a specific requirement.

*Administrator.* The Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) of the Department or any other officer or employee of the Agency to whom there has heretofore been delegated, or to whom there may hereafter be delegated, the authority to act in his stead.

*Basic Inspection Period.* A specified period of consecutive production designated for on-line inspection (e.g., one

shift's production, one day's production, etc.).

*Condition.* The degree of acceptability of the container with respect to freedom from defects which affect the serviceability, including appearance as well as usability, of the container for its intended purpose.

*Cumulative Sum Sampling (CuSum) Plan.* An on-line sampling plan that accumulates the number of defects which exceed the subgroup tolerance ("T") in a series of consecutive subgroups. Terms specified to the CuSum sampling plans are:

(a) *Acceptance Limit ("L").* The maximum accumulation of defects allowed to exceed the subgroup tolerance ("T") in any subgroup or consecutive subgroups.

(b) *CuSum value.* The accumulated number of defects that exceed the subgroup tolerance ("T").

(c) *Subgroup tolerance ("T").* The allowable number of defects in any subgroup.

(d) *Starting value ("S").* The initial CuSum value used to begin a CuSum sampling plan.

*Defect.* Any nonconformance of a container from specified requirements.

*Defect classifications.* The terms used to denote the severity of a defect. The terms are as follows:

(a) *Critical defect.* A defect that seriously affects, or is likely to seriously affect, the usability of the container for its intended purpose.

(b) *Major defect.* A defect that materially affects, or is likely to materially affect, the usability of the container for its intended purpose.

(c) *Minor defect.* A defect that materially affects the appearance of the container but is not likely to affect the usability of the container for its intended purpose.

(d) *Insignificant defect.* A flaw in the container that does not materially affect the appearance and does not affect usability of the container for its intended purpose. When performing examinations, insignificant defects shall not be recorded.

*Defective.* A container which has one or more defects.

*Department.* The U.S. Department of Agriculture.